

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-22 are presently pending in this case. Claim 11 is amended by the present amendment. As amended Claim 11 is supported by the original disclosure, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, a species election was issued; and Claims 11-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

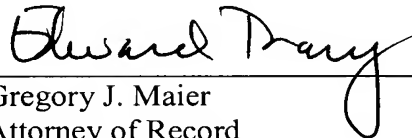
With regard to the species election, applicant elects the invention of Figure 3, identifying Claims 11 and 13-20 as readable on the elected invention. Applicant agrees Claim 11 is generic.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the specification and Claim 11 are amended to consistently use the terms “upstream” and “downstream.” Consequently, Claims 11-22 are in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 11 and 13-20 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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